Requirement of petroleum products

2333. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC Videsh Ltd. (OVL) was stopped from acquiring 45 percent stake in Nigeria's OML 130 Oil Area (AKPO field) which would have given India 3.5 million tones of crude oil annually for 20 years;

(b) if so, how Government propose to ensure adequate availability of petroleum products requirements of India in the coming ten years, especially when number of vehicles per year per family are increasing; and

(c) what is the present ration of indigenously produced petroleum and the imported crude-based refined petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Government did not accord approval to OVL for their proposal to acquire 45% non-operated interest as contractor to the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) under a Production Sharing Contract (PSC) of Block OML-130 Nigeria.

(b) In so far as domestic availability of petroleum products is concerned, the country has become a net exporter in recent times.

With the commissioning of various expansion projects of the refineries in the recent past and proposal for construction of various grassroots refineries envisaged in the 11th Five Year Plan, it is expected that the country will continue to remain a net exporter of petroleum products after meeting the country's requirements in the near future.

(c) The ratio of imported and indigenous crude oil processed during 2004-05 was 76:24.

ONGC's power plants

2334. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power plants of ONGC especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the profit earned by each plant during last two years;

(c) whether there were any blow ups in any plant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?